Liberty Lobby Holding Rally Here

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While the world press has sounded the alarm over the rise of neo-Nazism in Germany, the extremist Liberty Lobby is holding a convention this weekend right in the capital of the United States.

The featured speaker will be Rep. Albert Watson (R.-S.C.), who previously has let the organization use his name to promote its propaganda. Also listed on the program is Rep.-elect John Rarick (D.-La.).

The Liberty Lobby is supported on Capitol Hill by a number of other right-lane fellow travelers, including Reps. E. Y. Berry (R-S.D.), W. J. Bryan Dorn (D-S.C.), John Dowdy (D-Tex.), Otto Passman (D-La.), James Utt (R-Calif.), Joe Waggoner Jr. (D-La.) and John Bell Williams (D-Miss.).

The concern over the resurgence of neo-Nazism in Germany is such that 29 distinguished Americans, including former Under Secretaries of State Robert Murphy and Charles Saltzman, have conducted an investigation of the German situation.

But little public concern has been expressed over the way the same philosophy is gaining converts in the ruling circles of America. No one is investigating the Liberty Lobby whose founder and leader, Willis Carto, is an outspoken admirer of Adolph Hitler.

Carto not only has called Hitler's defeat a historical tragedy, but has inspired propaganda in this country against both Jews and Negroes. He has gone so far as to start a campaign to exile to Africa all American citizens whose skin happens to be black. In his letters to fellow extremists, at least those seen by this column, he hasn't said how he would solve the "Jewish problem."

Roll Call of Lobbyists

Carto has surrounded himself on Liberty Lobby's policy board with such extremists as the following:

TYLER KENT—He was convicted by a British court in 1940 for delivering secret information to the Axis. The Liberty Lobby describes Kent as "an authentic American hero who was illegally sent to a British jail for trying to expose Roosevelt's criminal war plans."

ED DELANEY—As a broadcaster on Berlin radio, he worked for the Nazi Foreign Office during the early period of World War II. He quit, however, after the U.S. entered the war, and an indictment for treason was dismissed.

KENNETH GOFF — A repentant Communist, he subsequently joined forces with the rabid, anti-Jewish Gerald L. K. Smith.

REV. JAMES P. Dees—He is another supporter of Gerald L. K. Smith, whom he has called "the greatest patriot in this country today."

W. HENRY MACFARLAND —He has headed several right-wing groups labeled by the Attorney General and House Un-American Activities Committee as "fascist." He also has been an associate and admirer of Gerald L. K. Smith.

ROBERT KUTTNER — A contributor to several extremist publications, he is now a contributing editor of the anti-Semitic, anti-Negro magazine, Western Destiny, which refers to World War II as a "fratricidal" war. Kuttner has written in the magazine that "evolutionary ethics defends the duty of the state to control the biological composition of its future populations."

Communism vs. Fascism

If a dozen Congressmen were found to be fronting for the Communists it would cause a scandal that would shake the republic to its foundations. Yet there are a dozen Congressmen who openly front for these subversives of the ultra-right.

Most Americans are so obsessed with the menace of communism, which seeks to turn a free society into a closed tyranny, that they have become oblivious to the attack on our freedoms by the radicals of the right who, in the name of liberty, wish to take away the liberty of the majority.

These fanatics pose as patriots, disguise themselves behind "fronts" with star-spangled names, preach the slogans of democracy, and proclaim their hatred of communism with a great gnashing of teeth. They hurl the word "subversive" at others, though it more appropriately fits them.

Rep. Watson, who will deliver the keynote address at the Liberty Lobby convention, previously signed his name to a letter mailed out to 100,000 prospective customers, urging them to subscribe to the group's propaganda as "a good way to keep abreast of these perilous times on Capitol Hill."

Rep. Utt, whose administrative assistant has been on the Liberty Lobby's payroll at the same time he was collecting a salary from Uncle Sam, has also signed his name to a Liberty Lobby sales pitch.

"Liberty Lobby consistently works in the halls of Congress," wrote Utt, "to oppose the international Socialist takeover. Its 50,000 conservative activists form a letter-writing brigade which has already made its influence felt in several crucial votes."

Like the ultra-liberals of the 1930s who allowed their names to be used by Communist front groups, these right-lane fellow travelers are now allowing their names to be used to give respectability to the right-wing extremists.

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